greatness. There are evidences that the building is far inferior to the original one; and here and there you see a stone of the first fabric, in some respects sadly out of place, yet admirably fitted to uphold the existing structure. That fabric is not a perfect one, such as it seems once to have been, but it is in every respect suited to the imperfect individuals who dwell in it. It resembles those palaces which have been turned into hospitals, retaining marks of their having been originally designed for a nobler purpose, and causing us to sigh over the degradation to which they have been subjected, but accommodated, notwithstanding, by a wonderful dexterity, to the good end which they now serve.

Such are the intimations of nature; but nature goes little farther, it must be confessed, than to rjfise salutary fears and stir up inquiry. It prompts us to put questions which it docs not deign to answer. It calk up fears which it cannot allay. It ever conducts to a yawning gulf covered with clouds. There may be a country beyond, but it does not nliow it. There may be a passage to that land, but it does not disclose it. Htill there are, times when the mists seem to open, and show a better destiny to the human family, and a passage to it. There are limes when, like Columbus us he approached the coasts of the new world, we think we see in the night; a light front the country in whose existence we are inclined to believe. But this leads UH to observe that—

FOURTHLY, THEEK ARE INDICATIONS OF INTENDED UKNOVATJON.

For why has tide world, BO manifestly tinder the displeasure oi God, been preserved ? AH a prison-house, our fears would suggest. But hope, equally natural with fear to the human breast, immediately throws out the idea that It may be as a school oi discipline and probation. It certainly does not appear to be exclusively a school for training to virtue—for there are signal

judgments inflicted on the wicked, not to train them, but, BO far as this world is concerned, to put an end to discipline. But still less does it seem to be altogether a prison, and fitted merely for punishment—for there are innumerable means of improvement and incentives to excellence, May if. not be, that it in a place ol probation preparatory to a final judgment and consummation ?

The very preservation of this world in its present state Hoetn* to show that God does not intend it merely an a plftee of punish- merit Among the withered leaves on which we tread there ?m, to be found the seeds of a coming renovation, and these Inim